

SYED NASIR LAID TO REST

KUALA LUMPUR. — Speaker of the Dewan Rakyat Tan Sri Syed Nasir Ismail was buried with state honours at the National Mausoleum today.

He was buried next to the "Lion of Umno," the former Umno Youth president, Tan Sri Syed Ja'afar bin Syed Hassan Albar.

Tan Sri Syed Nasir died of a heart attack yesterday after he collapsed in the Dewan Rakyat towards the end of a debate.

His body lay in State at his home in Damansara Heights this morning, and the first to pay his last respect was Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Musa Hitam.

A stream of visitors, friends, foreign diplomats, Cabinet Ministers and other VIPs filed past the body while prayers

were being recited.

Eight of Tan Sri Syed Nasir's 10 children were in the hall and the eldest son, Syed Alwi, received the visitors.

The other two children — Syed Ahmad and Sharifah Bayah — are overseas and they are expected home this weekend.

At about 11.45a.m. Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah arrived to pay their last respects.

Former Prime Minister Tun Hussein and Toh Puan Suhaila also called at the residence.

The royal dignitaries who came were the Sultans of Selangor and Johore, and the Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negeri Sembilan.

At about 12.45p.m. the coffin, draped in a nation-

al flag, left for Padang Merbok at Taman Perdana. The ceremonial procession to the National Mosque started from there.

Several roads were closed for the procession. Tan Sri Syed Nasir's medals and decorations were placed in the hearse escorted by eight military officers.

On arrival at the mosque, a brief prayer was said after which the body was laid to rest.

There was a slight drizzle as the acting chief imam, Haji Abu Hassan Din Alhafiz, performed the last rites.

After this, members of the family sprinkled water and flowers over the grave. They were followed by Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir and other dignitaries.



The funeral procession on its way to the National Mosque. The van bearing the coffin was followed by family members, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed and other dignitaries.